

In the Specification:

On page 1, prior to line 3, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is for entry into the U.S. national phase under §371 for International Application No. PCT/IB04/00378 having an international filing date of February 13, 2004, and from which priority is claimed under all applicable sections of Title 35 of the United States Code including, but not limited to, Sections 120, 363 and 365(c).--

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 12 as follows:

--Utilising appropriate optical relationships, an input grating pattern is designed, which takes into consideration the angular spectrum and dimensions of the LED, the dimensions and composition of the light guide, and the amount of light required. Diffraction gratings are constructed on the upper or lower side of the light guide, depending on which side the light source is positioned to receive the light emitted from the diode. These gratings provide diffracting the light in accordance with the characteristics of the light guide to cause an efficient distribution of the light within the light guide. For providing the diffraction gratings into the light guide, a master grating pattern is constructed e.g. by means of electron beam lithography and replicated onto the light guide in the molding or pressing process of the light guide. The "master" is usually not used directly, but a replication thereof. By that the master can be used to make a new "mold" in case of "failures". This will allow the light guide to be manufactured with integral in-coupling and out-coupling diffracting gratings, and allows providing light guides having a thickness range between 0,2 to 1,5 mm (a comma, ",", designates a decimal point). However, thinner and thicker light guides are also possible.--

On page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 28 as follows:

--Fig. 7a,7b cutting light guide segments into lengths;--

On page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 30 as follows:

--Fig. 8a,8b a light guiding means to transport light to keys;--

On page 21, please insert the following paragraph at line 19:

--While there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the invention as applied to preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices and methods described may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Moreover, it should be recognized that structures and/or elements and/or method steps shown and/or described in connection with any disclosed form or embodiment of the invention may be incorporated in any other disclosed or described or suggested form or embodiment as a general matter of design choice. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto. Furthermore, in the claims means-plus-function clauses are intended to cover the structures described herein as performing the recited function and not only structural equivalents, but also equivalent structures. Thus although a nail and a screw may not be structural equivalents in that a nail employs a cylindrical surface to secure wooden parts together, whereas a screw employs a helical surface, in the environment of fastening wooden parts, a nail and a screw may be equivalent structures.--